



Biographical Sketch

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WARRANT OFFICER COREY J. GOODNATURE

Killed in action on June 28, 2005

Operation Enduring Freedom

Warrant Officer Corey J. Goodnature died June 28, 2005, in eastern Afghanistan when his MH-47D helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations.

He was born Feb. 13, 1970 in Minnesota.

Goodnature graduated from the University of Minnesota with an Associate's Degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1991, and joined the Army in October of 1991. He served as a parachute rigger at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, N.C. He attended the Warrant Officer Basic Course at Fort Rucker, Ala. In 1996 he was assigned to Camp Wheeler, Hawaii. He assessed for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) in 1998 and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion 160th SOAR(A) at Hunter Army Air Field, Ga. as an MH-47D Chinook pilot.



Goodnature's military schools include: the Electronic Warfare Officers Course, the CH-47D Aircraft Qualification Course, the Air Assault Course, and Survival Evade Resist Escape Course and the CH-47D Instructor Pilot Course.

His awards and decorations include: the Air Medal, the Senior Army Aviator Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Overseas Service Ribbon. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and an Air Medal with Valor device and the Combat Action Badge.

He is survived by his wife Lori of Savannah, Ga.; and two sons, Shea and Brennan, of Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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